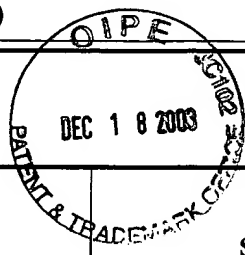


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
112740-652

In Re Application Of: Erich Gottwald



Serial No.
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 15, 2003 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: October 15, 2003 until: December 15, 2003
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$420 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818

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Dated: December 15, 2003

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